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CHET HUNTLEY (Reporting from London): "There is some concern, here in Britain, about what is being called the Johnson policy. Very little of it amounts to outright criticism -- rather it's a kind of nagging anxiety. British comments seem to pose the question -- just what kind of man do we have here? What sort of ally is this man from Texas?

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"The British say they understand very well our American distaste for any suggestion that we might have another Cuba somewhere in the Western hemisphere. But at the same time they are concerned about the legality of American methods, if there should now develop a whole series of crises on the Dominican order. There has been quite a bit of editorial energy expended here in London all week, demonstrating the differences between American action in the Dominican Republic, and Soviet action in Hungary, in 1956. That obviously worries a great number of British citizens. To what extent did the United States look like the Russians?

"There is also considerable discussion and comment here in Britain on the point of President Johnson's massive response to the danger in the Dominican Republic. Englishmen find it difficult to accept that the crisis was so real, and so genuine, that some 15,000 or more American Marines and paratroopers were required. Britains have been asking themselves, and each other, and us Americans, whether the President over-responded.

"There is another factor present in the British anxiety over American policy in Latin America. A very definite distrust of the Central Intelligence Agency. It is asking the impossible, to be sure, for how does a secret agency ever have the opportunity to improve its image, but the CIA does need some public relations help in Great Britain, at least.